

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-388-W - ORDER NO. 93-809 ✓
SEPTEMBER 2, 1993

IN RE: Application of Hilton Head Plantation) ORDER
Utilities, Inc. for Approval of New) APPROVING
Schedule of Water Rates for Water) INCREASE
Services Provided to its Customers in) IN
South Carolina.) TAP FEES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the June 24, 1993 application of Hilton Head Plantation Utilities, Inc. (HHPU or the Company). The Application seeks approval of a new schedule of charges for water taps provided to its residential and commercial customers in its service area in South Carolina. This does not apply to its present customers. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (1976, as amended) R. 103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

By letter dated July 7, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's Application and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file appropriate pleadings. The Company submitted affidavits indicating

that it had complied with these instructions. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received, and the Company requests a waiver of hearing in this case.

Since there were no Protests or Petitions to Intervene, the Commission hereby waives hearing in this matter.

The purpose of the Company's Application is to request an increase in water tap fees on single family residential customers and low-hazard small commercial customers. At present, tap fees are as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>
5/8"	\$500
3/4"	\$500
1"	\$600

The Company seeks an increase of \$100 in each of these fees so that the result of rates would be:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>
5/8"	\$600
3/4"	\$600
1"	\$700

The Company states that the proposed \$100 increase in these water tap fees would reflect the cost of purchasing and installing an appropriately sized and approved dual check valve as part of the meter installation activity.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the Company shows good cause for the requested increase. It should further be noted that the requested increase will not affect present customers. In any event, it is our opinion that the increase is justified because of the need for installation and


purchase of check valves for new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. That the requested increase in tap fees by Hilton Head Utilities, Inc. is granted as filed and as shown in Appendix A attached to this Order.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

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THE TAP CHARGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>METER</u>	<u>TAP FEE</u>
5/8"	\$600.00
3/4"	600.00
1"	700.00